

# HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Meeting

February 17, 2021

Approved March 3, 2021

Regular Members: Tom Dufresne, Thomas Davies, Jonathan Bruneau, Mark Post, Paul Edmunds  
Alternate Members: Karen Bridgeo, James Plummer.  
BOS Ex-Officio: Peter Band  
Staff: Connie Cain

*THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY WITHOUT A PHYSICAL LOCATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNOR SUNUNU'S EMERGENCY ORDERS #12, 16, & 17.*

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

## BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

### *BOARD OF SELECTMEN – Peter Band*

The Selectboard has been primarily addressing Town Meeting and Budget Items. The Town Meeting has been postponed until May when hopefully milder weather will allow for an outside meeting. Elections will take place at the Lawrence Barn in March.

### *TREASURERS REPORT – Thomas Davies*

In the report received today, it appears that \$43,400 was received from the Land Use Change Tax in January 2021. T. Davies felt that there is some discrepancy in the total account balance. C. Cain will review and speak to Finance Officer Rachael Gosselin. (NOTE: After reviewing the reports sent, the HCC Account Balance is \$1,181,582.43 as of January 31, 2021. CC)

T. Dufresne stated that the only item in front of the Planning Board of concern to the HCC is the Raisanen Homes Elite Senior Housing off of Silver Lake Road near Cobbett Lane. This plan is still under Design Review.

## NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

The closing on the Stefanowicz House took place at the beginning of February; T. Dufresne is expecting \$3000 to \$4000 to be refunded to the HCC for legal costs from the proceeds.

J. Bruneau noted that some of the parking areas for Conservation properties have not been done in past week, including Stefanowicz. He had spoken to Laurie Harris on Nartoff Road about occasionally plowing on Stefanowicz during the season; Mr. Harris is open to doing so if there is no specific timing, he has retired from the business. T. Dufresne has spoken to Joan Cudworth, DPW Director, about the same. Plowing the Conservation parking areas is a low priority for obvious reasons. The DPW plows only a few areas: French Mill area, the Dunklee Pond area on Farley Road, and one or two other places. He did ask them to push the snow 3-4 feet from the edge of Hayden Road. J. Bruneau noted that someone has plowed at Gelazauskas Preserve (Town Forest property). P. Band said that having the HCC properties plowed by a private contractor was investigated a few years ago, and liability issues were the greatest deterrent. T. Dufresne suggested coming up with a list of the HCC properties that need to be plowed, and he can pass them on to Director Cudworth. He would also like to meet with her at the Stefanowicz property in the spring to look over the property for a suitable parking area.

Both David Werner and Joe Connelly have volunteered to be on the Siergiewicz Farm subcommittee for bid proposals to remove invasive species and other work on the property. This is the Siergiewicz Farm property at the upper end of Mooar Hill Road which the timber harvest was recently done.

T. Dufresne has been cleaning up the Conservation Commission files prior to moving them into the Assessing Office, and found a management plan for Flint Brook dated in 1992. The plan had been created by Craig Birch, and T. Dufresne felt that it was time for an update. He spoke to Craig Birch in reference to this, and was quoted that the cost would be \$2400 to \$3200 for the update. Since Craig did the original plan, T. Dufresne felt that it would be best to have him create the update as well.

59 *T. Dufresne motioned to approve an expenditure of up to \$3200 to Craig Birch to update the Flint Brook*  
60 *Management Plan; seconded by M. Post. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the motion carried by a vote of*  
61 *6-0-0.*

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63 The Nichols-Smith Land Trust is looking for funding to build and mount kestrel boxes on Woodmont West at the  
64 perimeter of the property. This would entail the construction of the boxes and placement. T. Dufresne felt that the cost  
65 should be no more than \$200.

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67 (T. Davies joined the meeting at 7:13 pm.)

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69 P. Edmunds suggested contacting Kevin Hunt for box construction; K. Bridgeo said that the Montessori School would also  
70 be interested in having some boxes placed. "Scooter's Farm" on Woodmont East has one currently.

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72 *J. Plummer motioned to approve an expenditure of up to \$300 for kestrel box construction and placement; seconded*  
73 *by M. Post. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.*

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75 T. Davies asked members to review proposed Warrant Articles 16 and 17 on the 2021 Town Warrant. He felt the language  
76 was confusing and by voting for one of the articles, you actually may be voting in the opposite manner to which you  
77 thought. As Town Meeting has been postponed until May, there is time to review prior to the meeting. P. Edmunds will  
78 check with Town Attorney Chris Drescher on legal interpretation.

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80 **ADJOURNMENT**

81 *T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Post. All members in favor, none opposed, and the*  
82 *motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.*

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84 Respectfully submitted,  
85 Connie Cain  
86 Staff